

## **THE NORTH AMERICANS AND SPIRITISM**

There has been much discussion in the International Spiritist Movement, regarding the best way of promoting the Spiritist Doctrine to North Americans as well as to people of other nationalities.

Certainly the Laws legislated by each country should be observed and followed, in the establishment and dissemination of the Spiritist precepts, in the same way that it is respected in Brazil. Even so, what we ended up noticing was an exaggerated preoccupation in desiring to adapt the Spiritist Doctrine to suit the idiosyncrasies of the local public.

When we considered that Jesus preached to people of several nationalities, and that surprisingly, those that renounced and crucified Him were precisely the ones that had been initially prepared to receive Him. They had previously accepted the existence of only one God and they had been awaiting the coming of the Messiah. It is clear, that the acceptance of the Spiritist Doctrine will depend on the genuine interest and spiritual involvement of every individual, independent of and regardless of his nationality.

Furthermore, Jesus addressed the variety of people without distinction, using the language of Love.

The language of Love and Charity is universal. The necessities, the questions, the imbalances of every kind, unfortunately are not exclusive to this or that people.

In many parts of the world, through observation and work, we have been verifying that the human being is the same wherever he is reincarnated.

The Law of Reincarnation itself supports our conclusions, because once we have already previously reincarnated in several places on the planet, we bring with us, engraved in our spirit, the vestiges of each one of those existences.

When the Spiritist Codification was brought from France and established in Brazil, through the effort of pioneers such as: Mr. Teles of Menezes, founder of the “Family Group of Spiritism” (Salvador–Bahia), a group which realized the first spiritist session in Brazil, on Sept/17/1865, and of the Drs. Bittencourt Sampaio, Silva Neto and Joaquim Carlos Travassos, who founded “The Society of Spiritist Studies” in Rio de Janeiro on Aug/02/1873 we have had no reports that they have modified the Spiritist Doctrine in order to better accommodate it to local habits or acceptance. The same could be said about Dr. Bezerra de Menezes, Caibar Schutel and Eurípides Barsanulfo.

Therefore, dear friends, brothers and sisters, when you speak about the Spiritist Doctrine to an American, an Englishman, a Frenchman, or a Spaniard, use the language of love, forgiveness and tolerance. You can be sure that by doing so you will be having the opportunity of illuminating a heart and of transforming it into an eternal friend.

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